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Hereafter all Obituary Notices, Tributes of Respect, and communications on subjects of a personal character, inserted in the pages of the Press, will be subject to the following regulations: Such Notices must, in every instance, be accompanied by the name of the person to whom they are to be directed.

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The proposed Amendment which passed the late Radical Congress by a two-thirds vote, and which must be ratified by three-fourths of the States before it can become a part of the Constitution, has already been ratified by Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Tennessee and Oregon. Such a result might have been expected in Tennessee, which is now controlled by a Radical clique; but Texas and Kentucky have rejected the Amendment, and their example we are sure will be followed by every Southern State.

The objections to the measure are, as well to the mode of its passage, and submission to the States for ratification, as to the prospective character of the measure itself, striking as it does a deadly blow at the rights of the States, even in its most unobjectionable provisions, whilst in others it deprives the citizen of his most cherished privileges.

The Amendment was passed by two-thirds of a body which assumed to be the Congress, yet from which nearly one-third of the States was excluded from representation in both Houses. States too, which were above all others interested in the questions at issue. Can such a body be regarded as Congress in the view of the Constitution? If not, its action, whether in the passage of Constitutional Amendments or otherwise, is nugatory. Again, the proposed Amendment was not submitted to the President for his approval, and except through him could not be submitted to the States for ratification.

Other and more vital objections are grounded upon the provisions of the Amendment itself:

The first section, confers the rights of citizenship upon all native-born or naturalized citizens, and restrains the States from abridging their rights and immunities, whilst the last section bestows upon Congress the "power to enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article"—a dangerous and undefined power, which is subversive of all State rights.

The second section which makes the Southern voting population the basis of representation, is intended to force negro suffrage upon us, or weaken the strength of our representation.

The third section deprives of the right to hold office all who having taken an oath to support the Constitution, afterwards gave aid to the so-called rebellion—a sweeping act of disfranchisement, under which the right of representation would be a mere mockery.

Such are the main provisions of the proposed Amendment, which the New York Herald and Times are now urging upon the acceptance of the South as the only mode of restoring the Union. Better remain forever unrepresented than accept terms so humiliating. But even did we accept, it could avail us nothing in securing our admission into the Union. The Radical leaders, Stevens, Sumner, Bunker, Wade and others—the Tribune, the Independent and other Radical presses, insist upon "impartial suffrage" as a condition precedent. This is their ultimatum—nothing less will satisfy them. If we are to be enslaved, let us at least not admit in forging our own fetters.

IMPEACHMENT OF THE PRESIDENT.

As the Radical press, the two thirds of the members of each House of Congress have the full power to get up an impeachment of the President, and there is no question as to their right to do so. But as well stated by the Augusta Chronicle & Sentinel. There is one material difficulty in carrying out the design. The impeachers must agree and report a cause of impeachment which will stand the test of legal scrutiny and satisfy the judicial sense of the world. It will be conceded that an impeachment will not lie for mere errors of opinion, and if the standard of opinion could be agreed upon, such an attempt would arouse the sympathy and justice of the people and condemn the authors to deserved obloquy. Neither party has, as yet, for vengeance, nor last but not least, for an impeachable act in the life of the President. He keeps within the Constitution and laws, enforcing both, and violating neither. Hence no impeachment will be successful.

It is clear that they cannot interfere with the free exercise of the functions of the President. This is apparent from Section IV, of article II, which declares that the President Vice-President and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors. Apart from the express words of the Constitution, it is evident that any other construction, would be an attempt to deprive the President of the maintenance of a Government, and the different departments of the Government. The veto power, the power of pardon, and the power of appointment, are all essential to the free exercise of the functions of the President, and if these are to be interfered with, the President is rendered impotent.

J. J. CUNNINGHAM

HAS received this week, BAKER'S (N. O.) CLOTHING, and will receive, weekly, all the latest styles of the season.

A SOLEND LIT OF BAZILLARD LONG CLOTHS. The cheapest in town.

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THE ELECTIONS.—The elections that occurred on the 9th instant, in the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Iowa, passed off very quietly. The weather prevailed in some of the States, but appears not to have affected the result to any appreciable degree. The Republicans seem to have carried the four States by easy victories over their opponents, and claim increased majorities in Ohio and Iowa, while they hold their own in Pennsylvania and Indiana. Pennsylvania is carried by about twenty thousand majority, Ohio by about forty-five thousand, Indiana by twenty or twenty-five thousand, and Iowa by twenty-five or thirty thousand in favor of the so-called Radical party. The contest for members of Congress, concerning which, the greatest excitement was felt, and which forms the most important feature of the election, has resulted in a decided victory for the Republicans, who have suffered few, if any, losses in any of the States.

Mr. Geo. R. McNabb.—We direct attention to the advertisement of the large and select stock of new goods which is now opened at this well known and popular establishment. The stock has been recently selected with great care by Mr. McNabb in the New York market, and will be found to embrace all the latest and best styles of Fancy and Dress Goods. The style, quality, and prices he is prepared to offer in due proportion to purchasers. Mr. Thomas R. Quarles, the agent in charge, will be happy to see his friends and to show them through the stock. Give him a call.

The Attorney General in response to a communication of the President states his opinion that no obstacle exists to the trial of Mr. Davis by the Civil Court of this State, and that there is no necessary action on the part of the Executive held in custody ready to be delivered up. Any moment, on the demand of the Civil authorities. The delay in bringing him to trial does not rest with the President.

The Rural Southerner, is the title of a weekly, Agricultural Horticultural, Mechanical and Family Newspaper, published by R. M. Stokes & Co., of Columbia, S. C., and edited by a corps of able writers and practical farmers, the first number of which has just been received. The present is a very interesting number, and from the character and variety of the articles promises that the work will be a model of its class.—Terms \$3 per annum.

Col. J. B. E. Sloan.—We direct attention to the card of Col. Sloan who is now engaged in the Commission business in Charleston, and who is well known to our community, not only as a gallant soldier, but a gentleman of high character and business qualifications. We take pleasure in commending him to the patronage of the public.

New Advertisements.—Late Arrivals.—J. J. Cunningham.

Notice.—J. W. Leely, Adm'r. Dissolution of Partnership—Belcher & Bro. Sheriff's Sales.

Merchandise.—Thos. P. Quarles, Agent. Notice.—Lemuel Reid, Esq'r. Estate Sale.—Mrs. Elizabeth A. Miller and David M. Miller, Adm'r.

Administrator's Sale.—We direct attention to the advertisement of the valuable Estate Sale of Franklin Miller, dec'd, on Friday, 9th November next. Corn, Fodder, Shucks, Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, Household and Kitchen Furniture, &c., will be sold.

Our Columbia exchange announces the death of Dr. R. W. Gibbs, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of that place.

New York, Oct. 17.—Gold 44 1/2; Five twentys 114; Cotton heavy, with sales of 900 bales at 41 1/2; Flour steady—sales of 400 bbls. Southern, at 12 00 a 16 50; Wheat 1 a 2 cts. better; Corn 2 a 3 cts. better; Oats a cent higher; Pork firm, with sales of 4,200 bbls. Mess at 13 1/2; Lard lower; Whiskey quiet; Sugar firm; Coffee steady; Molasses firm; Spirits Turpentine 70 a 72; Rosin 4 25 a 9 50.

COLUMBIA, Oct. 18. CORN.—20 to 22, gold, 30 54, currency. CORN.—\$1.55 to 1.65 per bushel. FLOUR.—\$12 to 18 per barrel. OATS.—90c to \$1.10 per bushel. PEAS.—\$1.75 to \$2 per bushel. HAY.—\$2.25 to 2.50. RICE.—Rangoon, prime, 12 to 14c; Carolina 15 to 16c. TOBACCO.—100c to 2.00 per pound. COIN.—Gold 44 to 45c; premium.

The Return.—The Republican papers are somewhat illiberal over the result of the election in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana last Tuesday, and claim that it is a fair endorsement of the radical programme throughout, and per consequence, the "conservative coalition" is broken to pieces.

Notice by the Post-Master at Hodge's Depot. Notice is hereby given that no Mail-matter directed to Abbeville village will hereafter be forwarded until the establishment of a Post Office at that place. Parties interested will please apply for their mail-matter at this office.

H. M. CLARK, At P. M. Hodge's Depot.

Oct. 17, 1866.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE. After regular service next Sabbath, Oct. 21st in the Methodist Church, in this place, a Church meeting will be held. As matters of special interest to every member will be before the meeting, it is desired that all be present.

THOS. G. HENDERSON, Preacher in Charge.

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All Persons Desirous of Purchasing their FALL AND WINTER GOODS AT VERY LOW PRICES.

Are most respectfully invited to visit the Store of

GEO. R. McNABB,

Where will be found the very latest styles of

LADIES' DRESS GOODS. LADIES' CLOAKS AND SHAWLS.

French Merinoes, French Poplins, Empress Cloths, All Wool Delaines, Striped Alpaccas. Black Cloth Cloaks and Shawls, \$8 to \$25, Black Beaver Cloaks, \$10 to \$25, Black and White Plaid Shawls, \$6 to \$12, Colored and Mourning Shawls, Fine Cashmere Shawls.

LADIES' BONNETS AND HATS,

EMBROIDERIES, LACES, &c. HOSIERY, GLOVES.

Fancy Goods, &c., Hoop Skirts, Corsets,

WELCH AND OPERA FLANNELS.

BROWN SHIRTING, SHEETING AND DRILLING,

Gentlemen's Ready-Made Clothing, Boots and Shoes,

LEATHER,

Sole, Hemlock and Oak, Calf Skins, Linings, &c.

SADDLES,

Ladies', Gentlemen's and Boys'.

Hardware and Segars.

THOS. P. QUARLES, Agent.

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SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY virtue of sundry writs of fieri facias to me directed I will sell at Abbeville Court House on the first Monday in November next, within the legal hours of sale, the following property, to wit:

2 yoke oxen, 9 head cattle, 18 horses and mules, and 10 head sheep, levied on as the property of R. M. Palmer adx. T. J. Mabry and others.

THE CONTENTS OF TWO STORES,

Consisting of

DRY GOODS, HARDWARE,

CROCKERY AND

Glass Ware, STOVES,

HATS, BONNETS,

IRON, NAILS,

TIN WARE,

Medicine, JEWELRY,

With a Variety of other articles.

Sold on the property of T. Fairbanks & Son, adx. Thomas Hodge.

Also, a parcel of land on Barnwell River adjoining lands of E. Speed, Geo. E. McCall and others, levied on as the property of W. H. Caldwell, adx. W. H. Caldwell, and others.

Also, a parcel of land on the property of J. W. Frazier, adx. J. W. Frazier, and others, levied on as the property of J. W. Frazier, adx. J. W. Frazier, and others.

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FALL & WINTER GOODS. MILLER & ROBERTSON.

NO. 3, WHITE'S BLOCK.

Have just received the LARGEST and MOST COMPLETE STOCK in the up-country, embracing every article kept in a retail store. FANCY STAPLE DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, HARDWARE, CROCKERY, GROCERIES, BOOTS, SHOES, SADDLES, BRIDLES, HATS, BONNETS, HOLLOW and WOODEN WARES, &c.

Dress Goods.

Black Silks, Fancy Silks, French Merinoes, Poil de Chevre, Plain and Printed Delaines, Plaid and Striped Poplins, Persian Cloths, Empress Cloths, Mohair Lures, Black Bombazines, Black Alpaca, American Delaines, French Calicoes, American Calicoes.

WHITE GOODS.

Cambria, Nainsooks, Mulls, Swiss, White Percale, Tarratons, Tape Checks, Checked Swiss and Nainsook, Jaconet and Swiss Trimmings, Saxony, Valenciennes, Thread and Cluny Lace.

EMBROIDERIES.

Collars and Cuffs, Embroidered Collars, Cluny Lace Collars.

DOMESTICS.

Complete Lines of the following: Cotton and Woollen Goods: Brown and Bleached Shirtings and Sheetings, Canton Flannels, Broth and Bleached Jeans, Cambrays, Denims, Apron Checks, Bed Tickings, &c.

WOOLENS.

White and Red Flannels, Ovens, Flannels, Plaid Linseys, Black Broad Cloth, Black Doe Skin, Fancy Cambrays, Kentucky Jeans, French Tricot, &c. Red Blackets.

LADIES' CLOTHS.

6-4 Black Cloth, for making Cloths, Garibaldi Repelling Cloths, &c. Sackings.

LINEN DEPARTMENT.

12-4 Linen, Sheetings, &c. &c. Linen, 4-4 Light Linen, Ticking, Sheetings, Duck, and Canvas, &c. &c. &c. White Damask, Napkins, and Table Linen, &c. &c. &c. Table Damask, &c. &c. &c. Table Cloth, Linen Lawn, Bird, &c. &c. Russia Diaper.

HOSIERY.

A good line of American, British and French Hosiery.

GLOVES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Gloves, Black Cloth, Cashmere, and Kid.

A LARGE STOCK OF SEWING MACHINES AND LADIES' VESTS.

A complete stock of Sewing Machines, Embracing all the small articles kept in a retail store.

WILL INVITE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO OUR

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

which embraces all of the novelties of the season. Trimmed and Untrimmed Bonnets, Flowers, Plumes, Phantasies, Bows, and Trimming Ribbons.

CLOAKS AND SHAWLS

All of the latest styles of the Season.

HOOP SKIRTS, BALLOONS, &c.

Handsome patterns, FRENCH CORSETS.

GENTLEMEN'S HATS.

On the latest style of the Season.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Ladies' Boots and Shoes, &c. &c. &c. Boots, Hoses, and Gaiters, &c. &c. &c. Boys' Boots, Hoses and Gaiters, &c. &c. &c. Hatters' Dress, &c. &c. &c. War, Kip and Calf Skin Boots.

HARDWARE.

Long Handle Axes, &c. &c. &c. Nails and a full assortment of Hardware.